

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20-23, 25-75 and 77-85 are pending upon entry of this Amendment. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 25-75 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 24 and 76 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 77-85 are added. No new matter is included.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the references submitted in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on December 11, 2001 and January 23, 2006, as evidenced by the signed and initialed forms PTO/SB/08A. Applicants respectfully submit that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 10, 2006 fully complied with the requirement for filing an Information Disclosure Statements. A courtesy copy of the filing is provided herewith.

Reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claim is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Regarding the objection to the Abstract, Applicants note that a new Abstract replacing the original Abstract was filed by a Preliminary Amendment dated December 11, 2001. A copy of the new Abstract is contained herein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to the Abstract.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC §102/103

Claims 7, 10, 20-21 and 76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kiyoshi (Japan Pat. 62-115996). Claims 13, 16, 19 and 22-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Kiyoshi. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claims 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 76 are canceled, thereby rendering their rejection moot.

Regarding independent claim 20, this claim recites, among other things, a first coil which is helically wound and is disposed such that an outer periphery and an inner periphery of a winding of the first coil are positioned substantially within an outer peripheral edge of the first magnetic pole face so as to sandwich a portion of the vibrating member, which corresponds to the outer peripheral edge of the first magnetic pole face, therebetween and a second coil which is helically wound and is disposed such that an outer periphery and an inner periphery of a winding of the second coil are positioned substantially within an outer peripheral edge of the second magnetic pole face so as to sandwich a portion of the vibrating member, which corresponds to the outer peripheral edge of the second magnetic pole face, therebetween. In other words, the first coil and the second coil are arranged so as to face the magnetic pole faces of the first magnet and the second magnet, respectively.

By contrast, Kiyoshi discloses that the coils 2 are positioned adjacent to the magnetic pole faces of magnets 3 (see Kiyoshi, Fig. 1).

Since Kiyoshi neither discloses nor suggests the invention claimed in independent claim 20 and its dependent claims 21-23 and 77, these claims clearly or not anticipated by, or rendered obvious, over Kiyoshi.

Regarding new claims 78-85, these claims include similar features as those discussed with regard to claim 20 and are therefore these claims clearly or not anticipated by, or rendered obvious, over Kiyoshi. Thus, claims 78-85 are allowable at least for the reasons provided above.

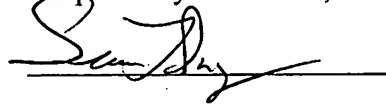
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If the Examiner believes that there is any issue that could be resolved by a telephone or personal interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at the telephone number listed below.

Applicants hereby petition for any extensions of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such an extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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